

HOUSE RESOLUTION 322

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mrs. Clara H. McMillin of Tipton County on the celebration of her 80th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Clara H. McMillin will celebrate her 80th birthday on June 6, 1922, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of James Russell Hill and Mary Sloan Hill, Clara was born and raised in Tipton County; she attended Gilt Edge Elementary School and graduated from Munford High School in 1940; shortly after graduation, she joined the workforce at Fisher Aircraft in Millington, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 1940, Clara Hill was joined in marriage with Albert Sidney "Little Boy" McMillin and the couple's blessed union produced two children, Challace Joe and Robert Wayne; Challace and his wife, Mary Louise, of Harrisonburg, Virginia have a son John Sidney McMillin of Gardner, Montana and a daughter and son-in-law Mary Elizabeth "Lisa" and Michael Wooley of Nashville, who in turn, have two children, Christopher and Rachel. Robert Wayne McMillin and his wife, Paulette Tate, reside in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, following her marriage, Mrs. McMillin kept the McMillin household and worked on the family farm and in her father-in-law's general store; she taught at Gilt Edge Elementary School for three years in the mid-1940s, while also attending classes at Memphis State University; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Tipton County, Mrs. McMillin is a highly respected member of the Gilt Edge community; she has been a member of the Eastern Star in Munford, and is a Past Worthy Matron of that esteemed organization; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, Clara McMillin began serving as Deputy to Tipton County Court Clerk Henry Vaughn, performing with great effectiveness for 12 years; in 1962, she was the first woman to be elected as County Court Clerk of Tipton County, in which position she earned the respect of her peers in county government and the citizens of Tipton County alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McMillin retired from the office of County Court Clerk, now designated as County Clerk, on August 31, 1994, after 32 years of distinguished service; her total of 44 years of exemplary service, first as Deputy County Court Clerk and then as County Court Clerk, was characterized by the highly professional manner in which Mrs. McMillin conducted the business of that office and the affection and respect with which she served the citizens of Tipton County; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure in office, Clara McMillin served astutely as President and as Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennessee County Clerk's Association and won numerous honors and accolades from such entities as the Tipton County Bar Association, the Tennessee County Clerk's Association, the Department of Safety, and then Commissioner of Revenue Joe Huddleston; she was named "Outstanding Female Citizen of Tipton County" by the Covington Junior Auxiliary in 1993 for her exceptional record of achievement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McMillin also served as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of Union Savings Bank of Covington, as a Charter member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Tipton County, and as President and Board Member of the Covington-Tipton County

Chamber of Commerce; she also rendered exemplary service as Chairperson of the Tipton County Senior Citizens Association, which recognized her as the "Outstanding Citizen of Tipton County"; and

WHEREAS, Clara McMillin has not neglected her faith in, and allegiance to, her Creator; she is a faithful member of New Salem United Methodist Church where she has served on the Administrative Board and Parsonage Committee. Mrs. McMillin has served as Youth Director for her church and for the Brownsville District of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, as Mrs. McMillin approaches her 9th decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; her numerous achievements and accolades aside, she cherished her time with her late husband, Albert Sidney McMillin, and continues to enjoy the love and support of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as her extended family and many friends; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Mrs. Clara Hill McMillin on the celebration of her 80th birthday and join with her family and many friends in extending to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.